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## Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 8-20 in the following manner:

This step of destroying the membrane of cells is called "healthy bubble", "blow off" or "the opening cell". In this step, the gas pressure inside the foam is permitted to exceed over the strength of the cell membrane at the moment when the height of the foam being produced reaches maximum, thereby destroying the cell membrane and enabling the cells to be intercommunicated with each other, this high-pressure gas being subsequently permitted to be locally ejected out through the top surface of the foam block. This step of destroying the membrane of cells [[is]] has conventionally been considered indispensable in the manufacture of a flexible polyurethane foam block.